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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/498,293

Attorney Docket No.: AT9-97-308B

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on May 28, 2003, attached is:

-- Amendment C Under 37 C.F.R. 1.113

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Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Ronald Roscoe Bush

Serial No.: 09/498,293

Filed: February 4, 2000

For: Secure Encryption of Data Packets
for Transmission over Unsecured
Networks

§ Attorney Docket No. AT9-97-308B

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AMENDMENT C UNDER 37 CFR § 1.113

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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated May 28, 2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire August 28, 2003. No fee is believed to be due with this response; however, any fees necessary to further the prosecution of this application should be charged to IBM Corporation's Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated May 28, 2003, having a shortened statutory period set to expire August 28, 2003. Claim 15 is pending. Applicants have amended Claim 15.